



Ref PH461

To all Community Pharmacies in the Wessex area

Dear Colleague,

Please see the attached briefing regarding local actions to ensure aTIV is offered to individuals aged 65 years and over.

[Gateway ref 08443 180924 aTIV Local actions Final](#)

2018/19 is the first year that aTIV has been available for those aged 65 and over, and for this year, as was confirmed earlier this year, it will be delivered to GPs and community pharmacies in *three* phases between September and November 2018. There is sufficient supply for anticipated demand and it is important that we use all available vaccine effectively, and that patients are encouraged to wait for the vaccine to be delivered by the supplier to their surgery / high street pharmacist.

GP and community pharmacy contractors are reminded that service specifications make it clear that vaccinations must be given with the appropriate vaccine and dosage. Any GP practice or pharmacy who is unable to provide aTIV to their patients should advise their local NHS England team and attached is more detailed guidance to support you in the delivery of the flu programme.

Please can you circulate this to your colleagues who are providing the flu service.

Kind regards

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